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U.S. DRY PEA EXPORTS

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Growth Through Agricultural Progress

U.S. dry pea exports reached 92,287 metric tons (nearly 2 million bags) in the marketing year ended July 31, 1962. This was the second highest commercial export in history, exceeding the previous record of 102,386 metric tons (2,176,000 bags) in 1959-60. Larger quantities were exported in 1945 but these included extensive government shipments to wartime areas for relief purposes.

Less than 20 years ago, the United States was a net importer of dry peas, but is now one of the 2 largest pea exporters in the world. The Netherlands is the other. The Dutch usually run a close second; sometimes they are first.

The best markets for U.S. dry peas in recent years have been the United Kingdom, West Germany, and Venezuela. Canada has not been a large market by comparison but has been a consistent purchaser. The Netherlands, although a large exporter, shows a significant uptrend of imports from the United States.

Export data by type of dry peas were not available prior to 1941, but since then, data for several classes of peas have been reported separately.

A history of U.S. dry pea exports follows:

Table 1.--PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: A history of U.S. exports by class and quantity, 1936 to date

Year 1/	All peas & lentils 2/	Seed 3/	Cowpeas 4/	Garbanzos 5/	Alaska & Smooth Green 6/	Yellow, White & Lentils 7/
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
1936	2,767	--	--	--	--	--
1937	4,536	--	--	--	--	--
1938	5,851	--	--	--	--	--
1939	8,437	--	--	--	--	--
1940	13,653	--	--	--	--	--
1941	9,662	1,315	--	--	--	--
1942	23,768	1,406	--	--	--	--
1943	60,555	3,130	--	--	--	--
1944	83,462	10,523	--	--	--	--
1945	150,413	4,536	8/ 227	8/ 227	--	--
1946	73,619	21,455	136	227	--	--
1947	54,840	9,662	227	544	--	--
1948	55,883	16,874	181	408	--	--
1949	56,427	10,161	136	318	--	--
1950	24,585	1,452	227	1,633	--	--
1951	45,269	3,538	590	318	--	--
1952	28,032	2,087	318	1,904	13,154	10,569
1952-53 ...	23,451	2,041	635	1,814	10,569	8,392
1953-54 ...	26,309	3,221	1,315	363	11,204	10,206
1954-55 ...	56,881	5,171	363	635	36,560	14,152
1955-56 ...	19,142	953	9/ 499	9/ 136	5,942	11,612
1956-57 ...	56,881	5,080	1,360	2,359	33,612	14,470
1957-58 ...	49,215	3,266	771	10/	28,395	16,783
1958-59 ...	66,016	4,460	136	10/	39,297	22,123
1959-60 ...	102,386	5,923	3,719	10/	60,849	31,895
1960-61 ...	83,898	6,800	1,179	10/	37,918	38,001
1961-62 ...	92,287	7,739	1,814	10/	45,136	37,598

1/ Calendar years 1936 through 1952; marketing years 1952-53 to date.

2/ Includes all dry peas, seed peas, blackeyed peas, blackeyed beans, lentils, and chickpeas (garbanzos), including canned or roasted until 1940. 3/ Seed, all types; separately classified 1-1-41. 4/ Blackeyed peas, blackeyed beans, and cowpea seed; separately classified 1-1-45. 5/ Chickpeas (garbanzos), Mexican roasted, canned or not canned; separately classified 1-1-45. 6/ Alaska and other smooth green, whole and split; separately classified 1-1-52.

7/ Lentils, white and yellow peas, whole and split; separately classified 1-1-52.

8/ Estimated. 9/ 6-months only; January-June 1956 not available. 10/ Included in cowpeas.

Table 2.--ALL DRY PEAS EXCEPT COWPEAS AND CHICKPEAS: U.S. exports by country of destination, 1955-59 average, 1958-59 to 1961-62 marketing years (August-July)

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years				
	1955-59	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	
North America:						
Bahamas	15	37	26	35	24	
Barbados	63	--	318	76	173	
Bermuda	22	32	13	8	226	
British Honduras	27	26	17	34	27	
Canada	3,250	3,024	4,506	5,154	5,754	
Canal Zone	30	7	22	21	3	
Costa Rica	6	18	8	10	3	
Cuba	3,795	2,599	5,159	702	--	
Dominican Republic	47	84	66	9	35	
Jamaica	29	5	127	108	86	
Leeward and Windward Islands	10	3	16	31	34	
Mexico	255	315	255	368	252	
Netherlands Antilles	63	38	97	79	32	
Panama	503	515	727	1,026	558	
Trinidad and Tobago	1,739	2,401	3,412	4,279	3,516	
Others	27	18	23	18	24	
Total	9,881	9,122	14,792	11,958	10,775	
South America:						
Argentina	26	2	56	68	8	
Brazil	2,066	1,449	4,427	3,513	1,867	
British Guiana	122	11	523	143	61	
Chile	27	56	80	13	1	
Colombia	341	--	4	31	2,022	
Peru	509	228	613	460	941	
Surinam	523	600	597	730	765	
Uruguay	111	79	381	36	108	
Venezuela	10,064	10,850	10,424	12,740	11,749	
Others	--	--	--	--	4	
Total	13,789	13,275	17,105	17,734	17,531	
Europe:						
Austria	--	--	--	55	20	
Belgium	1,170	543	2,970	1,269	1,676	
Denmark	67	19	305	851	107	
France	80	198	100	42	173	
West Germany	4,166	5,499	8,397	7,377	10,339	
Iceland	164	146	241	208	261	
Ireland	183	460	--	50	20	
Italy	445	176	284	546	275	
Malta	4	20	--	--	15	
Netherlands	2,059	3,139	4,114	4,544	5,968	
Norway	387	231	1,155	1,389	1,392	
Sweden	681	430	2,208	2,471	1,004	
Switzerland	893	434	1,046	1,725	727	
United Kingdom	22,435	31,597	44,042	31,575	38,344	
Others	1	2	4	11	--	
Total	32,735	42,894	64,866	52,113	60,321	
Asia:						
Hong Kong	204	9	974	211	399	
Iran	4	18	--	18	--	
Israel	145	99	163	66	35	
Japan	19	--	6	43	710	
Kuwait	19	16	55	64	20	
Nansei and Nanpo Islands	39	50	59	70	79	
Philippines Republic	229	361	387	264	381	
Saudi Arabia	14	12	19	32	42	
Others	1	2	8	9	26	
Total	674	567	1,671	777	1,692	
Other countries:						
Australia	20	--	102	20	--	
Egypt	4	--	5	10	3	
French Pacific Islands	25	15	16	19	37	
Liberia	5	5	12	14	54	
New Zealand	23	2	40	12	28	
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	11	--	54	18	26	
Others	54	--	4	44	6	
Total	142	22	233	137	154	
Grand total	57,221	65,880	98,667	82,719	90,473	

Table 3.--PEAS, DRY ALASKA AND OTHER SMOOTH GREEN KINDS: U.S. exports by country of destination, 1955-59 average, 1958-59 to 1961-62 marketing years (August-July)

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years				
	1955-59	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	
North America:						
Bahamas	1	--	--	4	9	
Barbados	5	--	27	--	9	
Bermuda	5	2	13	8	22	
Canada	302	327	396	531	620	
Canal Zone	12	--	20	5	8	
Costa Rica	5	18	7	4	1	
Cuba	3,395	2,428	4,818	477	--	
Dominican Republic	38	61	44	--	23	
Haiti	1	--	5	--	--	
Jamaica	3	5	--	8	23	
Leeward and Windward Islands	2	--	2	9	30	
Mexico	82	46	102	108	70	
Netherlands Antilles	18	25	4	5	13	
Panama	21	--	45	56	73	
Trinidad and Tobago	160	494	213	60	13	
Others	1	--	--	5	1	
Total	4,051	3,406	5,696	1,280	915	
South America:						
Argentina	3	--	--	54	--	
Brazil	1,772	1,261	3,834	3,138	1,605	
British Guiana	4	--	20	--	--	
Chile	22	32	80	9	--	
Colombia	140	--	--	--	--	
Peru	457	226	516	435	926	
Surinam	34	--	--	5	109	
Venezuela	2,737	2,169	2,856	3,515	2,727	
Total	5,169	3,688	7,306	7,156	5,367	
Europe:						
Belgium	1,004	337	2,716	1,050	1,396	
France	8	39	--	--	15	
West Germany	1,118	883	1,882	194	600	
Iceland	85	101	107	100	159	
Ireland	174	460	--	--	20	
Italy	103	20	263	345	151	
Malta	4	20	--	--	15	
Netherlands	605	442	1,229	100	701	
Norway	159	137	180	120	180	
Sweden	72	--	249	--	--	
Switzerland	348	15	419	210	159	
United Kingdom	20,279	29,562	39,318	26,854	34,702	
Total	23,959	32,016	46,363	28,973	38,098	
Asia:						
Hong Kong	192	--	959	200	362	
Iran	4	18	--	18	--	
Israel	38	--	71	3	--	
Japan	3	--	5	36	--	
Nansei and Nanpo Islands	34	27	59	70	79	
Philippines Republic	114	142	283	134	223	
Saudi Arabia	1	--	--	3	21	
Others	--	--	--	--	13	
Total	386	187	1,377	464	698	
Other countries:						
Australia	20	--	102	20	--	
French Pacific Islands	6	--	4	5	5	
Liberia	1	--	--	7	47	
South Africa, Republic of the	32	--	--	10	--	
Others	5	--	1	3	6	
Total	64	--	107	45	58	
Grand total	33,629	39,297	60,849	37,918	45,136	

Table 4.--PEAS, DRY, YELLOW AND WHITE (LENTILS INCLUDED): U.S. exports by country of destination, 1955-59 average, 1958-59 to 1961-62 marketing years (August-July)

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years			
	1955-59	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:					
Bahamas	14	37	26	31	15
Barbados	58	--	291	76	164
Bermuda	17	30	--	--	204
British Honduras	27	26	17	34	27
Canada	1,226	1,083	1,846	1,463	1,042
Canal Zone	18	7	2	16	23
Costa Rica	1	--	1	6	2
Cuba	400	171	341	225	--
Dominican Republic	9	23	22	9	12
Honduras	3	--	1	2	10
Jamaica	26	--	127	100	63
Leeward and Windward Islands	8	3	14	22	4
Mexico	93	145	72	203	140
Netherlands Antilles	45	13	93	74	19
Panama	482	515	682	970	485
Trinidad and Tobago	1,579	1,907	3,199	4,219	3,503
Others	14	6	14	3	12
Total	4,020	3,966	6,748	7,453	5,725
South America:					
Brazil	153	--	390	277	190
British Guiana	115	11	503	134	61
Chile	5	24	--	--	--
Colombia	198	--	--	23	1,995
Peru	51	--	93	23	9
Surinam	473	600	597	725	656
Venezuela	7,314	8,681	7,509	9,225	9,017
Others	5	--	--	--	12
Total	8,314	9,316	9,092	10,407	11,940
Europe:					
Austria	--	--	--	55	20
Belgium	117	188	140	196	137
Denmark	40	--	200	700	50
France	2	--	--	33	107
West Germany	2,943	4,555	6,299	6,952	8,891
Iceland	79	45	134	108	102
Ireland	9	--	--	50	--
Italy	272	--	--	50	--
Netherlands	1,396	2,540	2,823	4,182	5,000
Norway	223	92	954	1,255	1,212
Sweden	278	54	1,312	1,483	369
Switzerland	372	202	562	1,412	518
United Kingdom	1,353	868	3,322	3,318	2,542
Total	7,084	8,544	15,746	19,794	18,948
Asia:					
Hong Kong	10	9	10	10	35
Israel	38	--	82	63	--
Japan	14	--	--	--	700
Kuwait	19	16	55	64	20
Nansei and Nanpo Islands	5	23	--	--	--
Philippines Republic	109	217	104	129	157
Saudi Arabia	13	12	19	29	21
Others	1	--	7	4	10
Total	209	277	277	299	943
Other countries:					
Egypt	4	--	5	10	3
French Pacific Islands	19	15	12	14	32
Liberia	4	5	12	7	7
Others	2	--	3	17	--
Total	29	20	32	48	42
Grand total	19,656	22,123	31,895	38,001	37,598

Table 5.--SEED PEAS: U.S. exports by country of destination, 1955-59 average, 1958-59 to 1961-62 marketing years (August-July)

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years				
	1955-59	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	
North America:						
Canada	1,722	1,614	2,264	3,160	4,092	
Guatemala	2	12	—	—	—	
Mexico	80	124	81	57	42	
Others	6	—	3	8	1	
Total	1,810	1,750	2,348	3,225	4,135	
South America:						
Argentina	23	2	56	14	5	
Brazil	141	188	203	98	72	
British Guiana	3	—	—	9	—	
Chile	—	—	—	4	1	
Colombia	3	—	4	8	27	
Peru	1	2	4	2	6	
Surinam	16	—	—	—	—	
Uruguay	106	79	381	36	108	
Venezuela	13	—	59	—	5	
Total	306	271	707	171	224	
Europe:						
Belgium	49	18	114	23	143	
Denmark	27	19	105	151	57	
France	70	159	100	9	51	
West Germany	105	61	216	231	848	
Italy	70	156	21	151	124	
Netherlands	58	157	62	262	267	
Norway	5	2	21	14	—	
Sweden	331	376	647	988	635	
Switzerland	173	217	65	103	50	
United Kingdom	803	1,167	1,402	1,403	1,100	
Others	1	2	4	11	—	
Total	1,692	2,334	2,757	3,346	3,275	
Asia:						
Hong Kong	2	—	5	1	2	
Israel	69	99	10	—	35	
Japan	2	—	1	7	10	
Philippines Republic	6	2	—	1	1	
Others	—	2	1	5	3	
Total	79	103	17	14	51	
Other countries:						
Morocco	12	—	—	—	—	
New Zealand	33	2	40	12	28	
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	11	—	54	18	26	
South Africa, Republic	—	—	—	14	—	
Others	3	—	—	—	—	
Total	49	2	94	44	54	
Grand total	3,936	4,460	5,923	6,800	7,739	

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